



# PORTLAND'S *Rain* OF GLASS, INC.

A non-profit organization formed to stimulate interest in collectible glass and to provide educational resources and events for the members and the community at large.

## AUGUST

### NO AUGUST MEETING!

WE WILL SEE YOU ON SEPTEMBER 16,  
WHEN THE TOPIC WILL BE:

# Frog Hunt!

Get out your flashlights and help Carole White and Sandra Martin hunt up FROGS! (Flower Frogs, that is). Carole and Sandra will be presenting an exciting (ribbit!) discussion of glass and ceramic flower frogs. Join in the hunt and help them out! Let us see what you scare up.

*Pictured at top is a Cambridge Flower Frog known as Bashful Charlotte, Type II Base, (smooth), 11", 12 Holes, Item #1115. Cataloged 1927-29, 1930-34 & 1940. Charlotte is a young lady, partially covered. She is bent over with her right hand covering her breast & her left arm is extended across her body resting on her right knee.*



NO AUGUST BOARD MEETING.  
JOIN US ON SEPTEMBER 9  
FOR THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### AUGUST

- 2 – Brownsville Antique Street Fair
- 3 – Lake Oswego's Antique & Collectibles Faire, Millennium Plaza
- 3 – Toledo Antiques & Collectibles Street Fair, Main Street, Downtown Toledo
- 3 – Main Street Madness Antique Fair, Hillsboro
- 9 – Drain City Wide Garage Sale, Off I-5 at Exit 162 South
- 10 – Aurora Outdoor Antiques Fair
- 24 – Oregon City Open Air Antique Fair

#### SEPTEMBER

- 6 – Antiques in the Streets, Albany
- 7 – The Original Coburg Antique Fair, Downtown Coburg
- 13-14 – Hillsboro Glass & Pottery Show

Visit the Portland's Rain of Glass Website for more interesting Club news:

[www.rainofglass.com](http://www.rainofglass.com)

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**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Entertainment Books will be for sale at the September PROG meeting. The advance sale price for the 2009 edition will be \$20.00. Discount coupons are valid beginning in November 2008 so you won't have long to wait until you can start saving money while dining out, shopping or visiting various attractions. As an incentive to help your club PROG will receive \$4.00 for each book that we sell. Ask your friends if they would be interested in purchasing a book or even better - purchase a book for your friends and relatives since the Entertainment Book makes a great gift.

This offer will only be available at the September meeting. If you have questions or want to reserve your copies contact Sandra Martin 503-695-3990 [ensmartin@comcast.net](mailto:ensmartin@comcast.net)

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**MEMBERSHIP:**

Portland's Rain of Glass Membership for one year is \$22.00 for individuals and \$8.00 for each additional member at the same address.

You may mail dues to: Cindy Thomas, Membership Chairman at 795 Corby St., Woodburn, OR 97071 or Friendship Masonic Center, 5626 NE Alameda, Portland, OR 97213 or bring payment to the next meeting.

September is the month to update your information for the Membership Directory that will be printed in October. Please call Cindy or email her with any changes to your name, address, email and phone numbers.

Thank you, *Cindy*, 503-981-8330,  
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*In case of severe weather,  
please call Carole White's cell number,  
503-901-0505 for updated information.*

## President's Corner



Photo by Neal Skibinski

As you know, Portland's Rain of Glass was founded 30 years ago in 1978 and we have become the premier glass collector's organization in the Northwest. We have one of the finest shows in the country and our convention is one of the best. We are fortunate to have some of the most knowledgeable glass experts in the country.

Thanks to the many volunteers who work behind the scenes to keep PROG alive and well. Show Chair Carole White has done a tremendous job managing and promoting our very successful shows. Convention Chair Sandra Millius just organized one of our best conventions ever and she has agreed to continue in this role. Development Director Ed Martin has helped us achieve a new level of financial stability, and under his direction, the Development Committee is working on sustainable projects for several years to come.

Financial Director Bob Carlson tracks our finances and complies with all required reporting requirements. Treasurer Dan Haake manages our bank accounts and he pays all of our bills in a timely manner. Membership Chair Cindy Thomas tracks our new and renewed members and she is responsible for publishing an outstanding monthly newsletter. Program Chair Neal Skibinski makes sure we have interesting and informative topics for our monthly meetings. Also, thanks to Neal for taking pictures at our meetings.

Hospitality Chair Jewell Gowan oversees our refreshment committee. Thanks to John and Michelle Kemp for making sure we have outstanding refreshments at our monthly meetings and for managing the cleanup afterwards. Secretary Karen Young makes sure we have accurate minutes of our board meetings. Thanks to Kate Fuller for doing an outstanding job keeping track of our library books and for ordering new ones.

I hope you are all enjoying summer in the Northwest and that you are able to get away from work or busy schedules to enjoy some time off in the coming weeks. During August we take the month off from Rain of Glass activities before we kick off an exciting new season in September.

We can look forward to a great program at our next meeting on September 16, 2008:

Janice Wallace will talk about Heisey's Old Queen Anne for Pattern of the Month. Our Topic of the Month will be Glass and Ceramic Flower Frogs.

On October 21, 2008, we can look forward to one of my favorite nights of the year: Candy Dish Night. We can expect interesting and educational programs throughout the year. Our 29th Annual Sale & Show will be held January 24 and 25, 2009 at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Hillsboro.

Have a Wonderful Summer and I hope to see you in September!

**Mark**



Photo by Neal Skibinski

# How I spent my summer vacation or, a Visit to the Middle Ages!

*Photos and Story Submitted by Barbara Coleman*

Not everyone has the opportunity to time travel. But this summer, my husband and I took a trip back in time 600 years--we traveled to a town known as Rothenburg ob der Tauber in Bavaria (Germany), one of Europe's best-preserved medieval walled towns. As our tour book said, "exit left from the train station, turn right on Ansbacher Strasse and head straight into the Middle Ages."



Rothenburg ob der Tauber as seen from the Castle Gardens.

Rothenburg's heyday was 1150 to 1400. It was a free imperial city with a population of 6,000 at a time when Frankfurt and Munich were just wide spots in the road. It was a strategic stop on the trade routes between northern and southern Europe.

Today Rothenburg is a tourist Mecca—known for shopping and its Christmas Market. Despite the tourists, it is still a fascinating place to visit. All the streets are cobblestone and every building inside the walls is medieval—most of the buildings were in place by 1400. The city got its start around a castle, built in 1142 and destroyed in 1356. Where the castle stood, a castle garden is now located. For fun, you can walk the wall that surrounds Rothenburg—about 1.5 miles around. Towers dot the wall—each one guarding an entrance to the city. The center of Rothenburg is its Market Place (Marktplatz).



Rothenburg Marktplatz—town hall on the left and Councillors' Tavern on the right.

Dominating the square is the Rathaus (town hall) built and rebuilt from 1240 to 1681 due to destructive fires. Also facing the Marktplatz is the Ratsherrntrinkstube or City Councillors' Tavern which sports three clocks on its Baroque gable. One clock is the city's main timekeeper, constructed in 1683. Above this is a calendar clock. Then the imperial eagle and finally a sun dial. At 11 a.m., midday, one, two, nine and ten o'clock figures appear representing the "Meistertrunk" or Drinking Feat which took place during the Thirty Years War. According to legend a town mayor drank a tankard of heavy Franconian wine in one gulp to save the town from destruction by invading armies.

We stayed at Mayor Toppler's House (now Gasthof Goldener Greifen) in a room with a new bed and a very old door. We enjoyed the famous Night Watchman's tour—every night at 8 p.m. The current night watchman is an authority on the middle ages in Rothenburg and full of humorous stories. (My favorite was the warning shouted when chamber pots were emptied from upper storied buildings into the streets each day. One problem, the watchman said, most people tended to look up when they heard the warning shout.) Fires were a huge hazard. The watchman's main job was making sure a fire didn't start and that enemies didn't get in to the city.

# JULY POTLUCK

Photos by Neal Skibinski



Our hotel, left, Gasthof Goldener Greifen, and the door to our room. At right, a walk along the town wall and one of many towers in sight.



It's me at the Pionlein.  
To the left, the Siebersturm and to the right, the Kibolzeller gate showing the way down to the double bridge.

If you visit, be sure to also see St. Jakob's Church built in the 14th century, the Imperial City Museum and the Medieval Crime and Punishment Museum. It's was fascinating trip to another time and place.

by Barbara Coleman

